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Stated Meeting, August 4, 1846.

VICE PRESIDENT MORTON in the Chair.

DONATIONS TO MUSEUM.

One hundred species of Plants from Texas, Missouri, Illinois, &c., from the collections of F. Lindheimer, Dr. Engelmann, and C. A. Geyer. Presented by Dr. Engelmann, of St. Louis.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Report of the Commissioner of Patents for the year 1845, read 24th Feb. 1846.—pp. 1184. From the Hon. J. R. Ingersoll.

Charter, Constitution, and By-Laws of the Cincinnati Horticultural Society, with a report of its transactions for 1843 '44 '45. From the Society.

Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society, Vol. 4. No. 34. September to December, 1845. From the Society.

Proceedings of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Vol. 1. No. 6. From the Society.

Proceedings of the Boston Natural History Society, pp. 121 to 136 inclusive. From the Society.

Mr. Webster's vindication of the Treaty of Washington of 1842. Washington, 1846. From the Author.

Charts of the Harbors of Annapolis, Maryland, and New Bedford, made under the direction of A. D. Bache, Esq. Superintendent of the U. S. Coast Survey. From the Treasury department, through Prof. Bache.

Dr. Thomas B. Wilson presented the following valuable works, in 4 vols. 8vo., illustrated by numerous colored plates; by R. P. Lesson:

Histoire Naturelle des Oiseaux-mouches.

“ “ “ Oiseaux de Paradis et des Epimaques.
“ “ “ Colibris.

Les Trochilidéés, ou les Colibris et les Oiseaux-mouches.

Also, from the same donor, Part xii (completing the work) of Prof. Owen's History of British fossil mammalia and Birds.

Manual de Malacologie et de Conchyliologie: Par. H. M. Ducrotay de Blainville. 1 vol. 8vo. with a vol. of Plates. Paris, 1825. Presented by William Hembel, Esq.

Greenough's large Geological map of England and Wales, with a 4to memoir explanatory of the same. From the same.

Atlas der Cranioscopie, &c., von Dr. Carl Gustav. Carus. Heft 1. 4to. Leipzig, 1843. From Dr. Morton.

Notice sur un nouveau genre de Cetacé des Rivières du centre de l'Amerique meridionale, par M. A. D'Orbigny. 4to. From the Author.

Extrait des Rapports (Acad. Royale des Sciences de France,) sur les résultats scientifiques du voyage de M. Alcide D'Orbigny dans l'Amerique du sud, pendant les années 1826, '27, '28, '29, '30, '31, '32 and '33. 4to. From the same.

Ueber eine bisher unbekannte, krankhafte veränderung an Menschenknochen aus Peru, von Dr. Eugen Zschokke. Aarau, 1845. From Dr. J. J. Von Tschudi.

Fauna Peruana. Reptilia. Von Dr. J. J. Von Tschudi. From the Author.

Nachträgliche bemerkungen zu meinem Conspectus Avium, &c. Von Dr. von Tschudi. From the Author.

Orthopädisches Institut; Von J. Heine, M. D. 4to. From Dr. G. Jaeger.

Ehrengedächtniss des königl: Wurtembergischen Staatsraths von Kielmeyer, von Dr. G. Jaeger. From the same.

Karl Franz's Bellingeri's anatomisch-physiologische untersuchungen über das Rückenmark und seine nerven—Deutsch bearbeitet von Dr. Heermann Kaulla. 4to. Stuttgart, 1833. From the same.

Versuche und Beobachtungen über den kartoffelbau und die krankheiten der kartoffeln besonders im Jahr 1845. Mit

- einem anhang über künstslich erzeugten Guano. Von Dr. Eb. Fr. Manz. Stuttgart 1845. From the same.
- Beiträge zur Petrefaktenkunde, von Heermann von Meyer. Fossil Säugethiere. 4to. From the same.
- G. F. Jaeger Dr. A. C. N. C. S. de monstrosa folii Phœnicis dactyliferæ conformatione, &c.; cum tabulis 4 lithographicis. 4to. From the same.
- Der Schädelban des Mosasaurus durch beschreibung einer neuen art deiser gattung erläutert: Von Dr. August Goldfuss. 4to. From the same.
- Newspaper article on the geology of Middletown, (Conn.) and vicinity. By Joseph Barratt, M. D. From the Author.
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Letters were read:

From A. D. Bache, Esq. dated Washington, July 31, 1846, presenting the charts received this evening.

From the Secretary of the American Philosophical Society, acknowledging the receipt of certain numbers of the Proceedings of the Academy, furnished at the request of the Librarian of that Society.

From the Secretary of the New York Lyceum of Natural History, dated Aug. 5, 1846, acknowledging the receipt of the last number of the Proceedings.

From Dr. J. J. Von Tschudi, dated St. Galen, April 4, 1846; acknowledging the receipt of the Academy's Proceedings, and presenting the works received this evening.

From Judge Tremper, dated Dresden, N. Y., July 1846, giving the results of observations and experiments made by himself, with the view of ascertaining the amount of evaporation from land and water surface in his vicinity, and also the temperature of Seneca Lake.

A paper by Dr. Joseph Leidy, entitled, 'Description of a new genus and species of Entozoa,' was read and referred to Dr. Zantzinger, Mr. Phillips, and Dr. Morton.

The Chairman exhibited a living specimen of a bird; which with another of the same description, had recently been ob-

tained by Mr. Augustus E. Jessup, from a farm in the vicinity of Wilmington, Delaware, where they had been raised. These birds present certain characters, which justify the presumption that they are hybrids between the common domestic fowl and the guinea fowl. They will be fully described in a subsequent number of the Proceedings.

A report from the Building Committee was presented and read, stating that a contract had been entered into with a competent person, for making the proposed alterations and additions to the Hall; the work to be commenced forthwith, and to be completed on the 1st of February next.

Stated Meeting, August 11, 1846.

DR. BRIDGES in the Chair.

Dr. Morton read a letter from Mr. Charles Lyell, dated London, July 14, 1846, enclosing a communication from Prof. Owen, entitled, 'Observations on the fossils from the geological cabinet of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, collected from the Brunswick Canal, Georgia, by J. Hamilton Couper, Esq., and presented by the latter to the Academy.'

The paper was read and referred to the following committee: Dr. Morton, Dr. Hallowell, and Mr. Richard C. Taylor.

Mr. Lyell stated in his letter that the fossils described in the paper, and transmitted to Prof. Owen through himself for that purpose, would be shortly returned to the Academy, with a drawing of *Harlanus Americanus*.

A letter was read from Dr. Asa Gray, Corresponding Secretary of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences of Boston, dated Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 4, 1846, announcing that a copy of vol. 2, new series, of the Memoirs of that Society, had been forwarded for the Academy, and offering to supply any other published vols. of the Memoirs not already contained in its Library: also requesting in exchange the publications of the Academy.